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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-249-C - ORDER NO. 97-979

NOVEMBER 17, 1997

IN RE: Request of BellSouth Public Communi-) ORDER cations, Inc. for Waiver of COCOT) GRANTING Guidelines.) REQUEST

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request filed by BellSouth Public Communications for waiver of our payphone guidelines to allow for the blocking of incoming calls at the pay telephone located at Marion High School in Marion, South Carolina. The purpose of the request is to seek the safety and security of employees and students at the location. The request has been co-signed by a law enforcement official.

We have examined this matter, and hold that the request for waiver should be granted, since good cause was shown. Incoming calls may therefore be blocked on the pay telephones in question.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

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